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gear retractable sideways so that the small corner wheel remained visible, antenna rod aft of cockpit, fuselage about 22 feet long, wing span about 28 feet [redacted]

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- 25X1 5. [redacted] the aircraft plant production was converted from conventional planes to jet aircraft in 1947. Both aircraft models were probably manufactured there for some time. Between March and May 1947 it was observed that fuselages and wings were separately given a plywood cover and then loaded on railroad cars and shipped out. These planes, of the same size as the described fighters, had a considerable bulge (air exit aperture) under the fuselage. [redacted] it was a jet plane with one power plant. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] the aircraft were packed, loaded, and shipped to MOSCOW.

- 25X1 6. A troop training ground bordering on an airfield on the west was about five miles east of the factory airfield. Douglas aircraft took off and landed there.*
- 25X1 7. A civilian airfield (difficult to observe) was located northeast of a suburban station north of the aircraft plant.** It was occupied by bi-planes and obsolete low-wing monoplanes, similar to the Klemm. A small administration building, small houses, and hangars were on the northern edge of the field. There was little flying.

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

a. Report confirms and supplements previous observations made at the various airfields, particularly the expansion work on the runway of the factory airfield. According to a previous report, the entire factory airfield was, however, concreted. The described aircraft, apparently a Yak type, corresponds with previous reports. Noteworthy is the landing gear retracting sideways into the wings.

b. The observations made after March 1947 are considered as casual observations from outside the aircraft plant. They confirm the conversion of the plant to the production of jet aircraft in 1947. The information that the jet aircraft were faired with plywood - an observation apparently made during loading activity - is considered doubtful when compared with more reliable reports [redacted]

25X1 * This is apparently the VAZIANI airfield, which [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] was occupied by a fighter and a bomber unit. Day and night flying was observed there.

25X1 ** This is presumably the TBILISI - NAVTLUG airfield. According to a report [redacted] the field was occupied by a pilot school equipped with U-2s, fighters, and twin-engine aircraft.

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